

House File 2012 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing each judicial district to establish a family
2 law mediation program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 598.7, subsection 2, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

2. The supreme court shall establish a dispute resolution program in family law cases that includes the opportunities for mediation and settlement conferences. ~~Any~~ Each judicial district ~~may~~ shall implement such a dispute resolution program, subject to the rules prescribed by the supreme court.

EXPLANATION

9 This bill requires each judicial district to implement
10 a dispute resolution program that includes opportunities
11 for mediation and settlement conferences, subject to rules
12 prescribed by the supreme court for family law cases.
13 Currently, implementing such programs is discretionary for each
14 judicial district.